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The Sign: I am the way, the truth and the life

The Setting:

1. This was Passover with expectations of revolt.
2. This was the night before His execution.
3. This was a meeting only with the twelve disciples.

The Story: Four disturbing problems

1. Jesus washed His disciples' feet.

John 13:4 *so he (Jesus) got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.*

John 13:15 *I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.*

2. Jesus exposed Judas as the traitor.

John 13:21 *After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray me."*

22 *His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. 23 One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. 24 Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means."*

25 *Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?"*

26 *Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, son of Simon.*

3. Jesus was leaving, and they could not follow Him.

John 13:33 *"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come."*

34 *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

36 *Simon Peter asked him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later."*

#### 4. Jesus told Peter he would deny Him.

John 13:37 Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."

38 Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your life for me? I tell you the truth, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!"

#### The Significance: Four Assuring Promises

##### 1. The assurance that Jesus is God.

John 14:1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me."

##### 2. The assurance that heaven is real.

John 14:2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.

##### 3. The assurance that Jesus will reunite us.

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

a. We will be reunited with Christ.

b. We will be reunited with each other.

1 Thessalonians 4:14 We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

##### 4. The assurance that Jesus is our Savior.

John 14:4 "You know the way to the place where I am going."

5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."